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A.—(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Government are not aware that the fact is as suggested.

(*c*) The seigniorage rates were revised in August 1927 with reference to the marketing facilities of each locality. The Government see no reason to make any further revision at present.

Use of reserved trees in kumki lands.

* 109 *Q.*—Mr. K. R. Karant: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that permission to cut reserved trees of 3½ feet girth is not given to kumkidars for building houses, etc.; and

(*b*) whether it is a fact that for building tenant-houses ordinarily trees of about a foot and a half girth are all that are necessary and useful, and further that most kumkis in South Kanara do not contain on an average trees of larger girth than 1½ feet to 3 feet?

A.—(*a*) Yes; permits are not as a rule issued for the removal of reserved or classified trees under 4 feet in girth from kumki lands.

(*b*) The Government have not the information.

Ryots may cut and remove unreserved and unclassified trees from unreserved lands free for bona fide agricultural and domestic purposes. The holder of land to which kumki privileges are attached may enjoy the same privilege in the kumki land free of charge.

Assignment of lands in Mecheri village.

* 110 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total amount of assessed and unassessed wastes respectively (including land under sivayijama occupation) available for cultivation in fasli 1338 in Mecheri village, Rayadrug taluk, Bellary district;

(*b*) whether out of the above extents roughly about 100 acres were under sivayijama occupation of Adi-Andhra ryots and 300 acres under that of caste ryots and whether the latter applied for patta of the lands in their enjoyment;

(*c*) whether the Revenue Inspector went to the village and showed the sivayijama fields of the caste ryots to Adi-Andhras to know if they wanted any of them and whether the Adi-Andhras chose 100 acres out of the same and stated that they did not want the remainder and had no objection to its assignment to the caste ryots;

(*d*) whether in addition to the above 200 acres of sivayijama land of caste ryots, there is yet about 500 acres of assessed waste land fit for cultivation, which the Adi-Andhras say that they do not need for their use and that it might be given to the caste ryots, and whether the Revenue authorities yet rejected all the applications of the caste ryots for the same; and

(*e*) whether the average holding per head of the Adi-Andhras (including pattas and sivayijama) is double or treble that of the caste ryots?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have not the information asked for, but have called for a report.